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Retiree Appreciation Day set for May 14

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The annual Retiree Appreciation Day – which celebrates retired service members of all branches – will kick off the 2016 Armed Forces Week activities at Aberdeen Proving Ground Saturday, May 14.

The program starts with an 8 a.m. registration at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Guests can enjoy coffee and refreshments and interact with post service providers and more than 30 local, state and national vendor displays.

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford will welcome retirees, spouses and survivors and Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis will offer remarks.

The formal program begins at 9 a.m. with guest speaker Antione Waller, director of the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Baltimore Regional Office.

Panel members from post organizations like the Commissary, Exchange, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, MWR, Judge Advocate General, or JAG legal

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Contractor Larry O'Neal pleads for an end to sexual harassment and assault during the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention, or SHARP, Poetry Slam at the Mallette Auditorium on APG North (Aberdeen), April 26. Hosted by the Army Test and Evaluation Command, 17 participants recited poetry during a program that aimed to raise awareness about sexual assault.

Poems put SHARP in spotlight

ATEC hosts Poetry Slam as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Story and photos by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

In recognition of sexual harassment and assault victims, members of Team APG showcased their poetic talents during the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention, or SHARP, Poetry Slam at the Mallette Auditorium on APG North (Aberdeen), April 26.

During the free program hosted by the Army Test and Evaluation Command, or

ATEC, 17 poets competed for top honors, reciting original works related to the lasting impact of sexual harassment and assault. Four judges were selected at random from the audience to assess each poem based on content, vocalization, movement, timing and overall performance.

According to Poetry Slam emcee Jody Jackson, ATEC Equal Employment Opportunity and SHARP program manager, the intent behind the poetry slam was to help

personalize sexual harassment and assault in a way that would give attendees a better understanding of its impact on victims.

"We wanted to tap into another way of delivering the message," Jackson said, adding that event organizers chose poetry as a way to get the APG workforce involved in the program.

Audience members snapped their fingers in lieu of applause after each recita-

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Ceremony honors APG volunteers

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

APG volunteers were recognized for their service to the community during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at Top of the Bay, April 27.

The ceremony, held in honor of National Volunteer Month, was hosted by Army Community Service, and honored 55 volunteers.

"This year's volunteer recognition theme, 'Army Volunteers-Lighting the Way,' highlights the essence of volunteerism and the positive impact that Army volunteers make in our community every day," said ACS Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Polanco during welcoming remarks.

The program included an invocation by Garrison Chaplain Lt. Col. Arleigh vonSeggern, and Renesha Robinson, from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, sang the national anthem.

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford thanked the nominees for generously serving APG and the surrounding communities.

"I can think of nothing more important than the

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Military Volunteer of the Year Lt. Col. Mary Card-Mina, the Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, receives congratulations from Dianne Crawford, wife of APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, April 27.

Photo by Molly Blossie, APG News

Kirk, Walter Reed test emergency response



Story and photo by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Personnel from the APG South (Edgewood) division of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, or KUSAHC, and the Directorate of Emergency Services conducted a successful patient movement exercise at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, or WRNMMC, Emergency Department in Bethesda, Maryland, April 20.

According to KUSAHC Surety Specialist Barry Hersey, the first-of-its-kind exercise between KUSAHC and WRNMMC tested

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Medical professionals from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, or WRNMMC, and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic treat "patient" Spc. Nicholas D'Amours during a training exercise at WRNMMC in Bethesda, Maryland, April 20. The exercise practiced the movement of an individual exposed to a chemical warfare agent from APG to Walter Reed for treatment. Photo Illustration

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STREET TALK

Mother's Day is May 8. What is the best advice or lesson you received from your mom?

"Never give up; just keep going. When you fall down, pick yourself up, brush yourself off and just keep going. That's always stuck with me."



Dawn Powell
Retired military

"You've got to pay to play, which basically means be aware of the consequences of what you're doing. Don't do anything without thinking about it first."



Jarrett Joyce
Retired military

"You better behave yourself, because your kids are going to turn out twice as bad as you."



Maureen Miaullis
Family member

"To treat people the way I want to be treated. That's what I've told my children."



Lance Newby
Retired military



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2016 Armed Forces Week Events

14 MAY (Saturday) Starts 0800
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16 MAY (Monday) Starts 0800
Armed Forces Golf Scramble, Ruggles Golf Course

17 May (Tuesday) Starts 1300
Our Community Salutes, APG Rec Ctr

18 MAY (Wednesday) Starts 0630
National Bike to Work, APG Rec Ctr area.

19 MAY (Thursday) 0630
Run to Honor, APG Shore Park

19 May (Thursday) 1130
Harford County Chamber of Commerce Mill Luncheon
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19 May (Thursday) Starts 1800
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ARL hosts 4th research symposium

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Army Research Laboratory

Senior research scientists and fellows, as well as scientists and engineers from across the U.S. Army Research Laboratory gathered for a symposium at APG’s Ballistic Research Laboratory Hall, April 27.

Attendees learned about Director’s Research Initiative and Director’s Strategic Initiative projects. The 4th Annual ARL Research Symposium showcases the progress of special interest projects with potential strategic relevance to the Army as well as originality, innovation and risk.

The DRI program provides an “opportunity for the ARL director to encourage new high-risk/high-payoff research of exceptional scientific quality,” according to the program policy memorandum.

Two ARL recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, or PECASE, spoke about their research: Dr. Ron Polcawich and Dr. Jin-Hee Cho. The PECASE is the highest honor bestowed by the gov-

ernment on outstanding scientists and engineers beginning their independent careers.

Polcawich is team lead for Piezoelectric-Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems Technology at ARL.

“Presenting our research program to colleagues with a broad, diverse area of expertise is always rewarding because it inherently leads to new areas of discussions, questions and inquiries about the research activities,” he said.

Cho works in ARL’s Computational and Information Sciences Directorate’s Tactical Network Assurance Branch and explores how trust management influences tactical

decision making and cyber security in multi-genre networks.

“I like having some stimulating feedback about my work which may make me think in other directions,” Cho said.

Besides the presentations during the morning session, attendees browsed poster submissions and spoke with researchers about their work.

“The symposium was a great opportunity to increase our awareness in the

cutting edge research occurring throughout ARL,” said Heidi Maupin, associate director for Programs, Plans and Budget, ARL-WMRD. “This is true for anyone attending, regardless of his or her role in the organization.”

Maupin said engaging face-to-face with other researchers in the forum generates new ideas.

“We have about nine DSIs and DRIs that have just completed,” said Dr. Brad Forch, a senior research scientist for ballistics in the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate. “This an opportunity to share results of ongoing and completed research programs funded through

a peer reviewed competitive process.” Good business acumen addresses the “planning of technical programs, their execution and the administrative and management functions of the lab,” according to the ARL Research Management and Leadership Strategy.

DSI topics are deliberately chosen for their combination of emerging scientific opportunities and Army relevance. Successful research endeavors in the DSIs are expected to transition to core laboratory programs.

“This group considers out-of-the-box ideas that push the boundaries of science,” Forch said.



Dr. Brad Forch, an Army senior research scientist for ballistics, gives welcoming remarks, during the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Research Symposium at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



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Newcomers learn about APG

Story and photos by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Newly assigned Soldiers, civilians, contractors and family members were provided with a wealth of information about APG during the Newcomer’s Orientation at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, April 26.

Hosted by Army Community Service, or ACS, the quarterly event provides newcomers with the opportunity to meet with garrison leaders, subject matter experts and representatives from APG and the surrounding community.

“It is so important that newcomers are aware of the resources and opportunities available to them so that they may thrive within the APG community and truly feel at home,” said ACS Director Jennifer Eichner, who organized the event.

APG Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis welcomed all newcomers and gave an overview of the 92 major commands and tenant organizations at APG. He called APG a “hidden jewel.”

“We are one team, one village, one big family,” he said.

Davis told attendees to submit a work order to the Directorate of Public Works if they see something that needs to be repaired. Service orders can be submitted through the Team APG website, www.teamapg.com, under “APG Employee Toolbox” and “DPW Service Desk Ticket.”

“Do me a favor, if you see something, report it and put it in the system,” he said. “A lot of people will just ignore it. Help me help you.”

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams asked attendees to support services they would like to see continue on post. This includes eateries and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWR, fitness classes.

Adams added that there is much to do in this area with Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York City in close proximity.

“Be safe whatever you do,” he said. “Safety is very important.”

Garrison services

Garrison service providers also briefed attendees. Eichner gave an over-



Jonathan Walker, left, with the Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground, receives informational handouts from Edward Cramer, a senior manager for military relations and field services from Johns Hopkins Medicine during the quarterly Newcomer’s Orientation at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, April 26.

view of the 12 programs offered through APG ACS, including the Exceptional Family Member, Financial Readiness and Employment Readiness programs, and the Army Volunteer Corps, which offers referral and support to volunteer organizations and volunteers at APG.

“Our goal is not to have you come to APG and survive, we want you to come here and thrive,” Eichner said.

Linda Edwards, chief of the MWR business operations division, talked about MWR services ranging from recreation and sports, and child and youth programs, to post eateries. A comprehensive list of MWR services and upcoming events is available at <http://www.apgmwr.com/>.

Deputy Garrison Chaplain Capt. Jon-

athan Ginder, representing the APG Religious Support Office, said that the main post chapel hosts free events and programs for all age groups throughout the year. For more information call 410-278-4333 during duty hours. Community members can also reach a chaplain 24/7 on the emergency hotline, 410-278-3182.

Other presentations included MWR Child, Youth and School Services; Directorate of Emergency Services; Army Substance Abuse Program; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Client Services Division.

Attendees said they learned valuable information at the event. Pfc. Kayle Chavez, with the 1st Area

Medical Laboratory, said she picked up information about day trips she plans to take with her husband, who is originally from New Jersey.

“We hope to explore while we are here,” she said.

Warren Kimball, with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, attended with his wife Kanako Kimball.

“It was good information,” she said. “I want to check out ACS and some other services.”

Those who were unable to attend the orientation can pick up a welcome packet at ACS in Bldg. 2503. For more information, call 410-278-7572.

The next Newcomer’s Orientation is set for July 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the APG North recreation center.

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PEO IEW&S bids farewell to Kreider

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S

A change of charter and retirement ceremony at the Myer Auditorium, April 28, marked the end of an era for a retired colonel and member of the senior executive service whose 40 years of work has touched virtually every Soldier in the Army.

Before an audience of more than 700 Soldiers, government civilians and contractors at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and via live streaming video to various other locations, Stephen Kreider, Program Executive Officer-Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors, known as PEO IEW&S, passed the torch for the organization to Maj. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke who will serve as the new PEO.

Immediately following the change of charter presided over by Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics & Technology), Kreider retired from civilian service.

A career with the Army

Kreider began his Army career at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He based his decision to attend West Point as a means of ensuring a well-rounded education that could be coupled with athletic opportunities. As a track and field star, Kreider didn't want to go to a university and focus only on athletics because he knew he wouldn't do that for his entire life.

After graduating from West Point he became a field artillery officer with an initial service commitment of five years, after which Kreider decided to continue with his Army career.

"It was the camaraderie of other officers and Soldiers that I worked with along with the challenge of the responsibilities of the job and the opportunities that it provided, which convinced me to stay," he said.

Following his time within the Field Artillery corps, Kreider was selected to become one of the Army's first acquisition officers in 1988.

"The Army had a requirement to fill the initial personnel to join the acquisition corps. In my year group there were five personnel that had both a branch qualification," Kreider said.

He ultimately retired from active duty



Photo by William Schofield, PEO IEW&S

Stephen Kreider, center, the outgoing Program Executive Officer for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors, receives his retirement certificate from Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics & Technology), and retirement pin from his wife Jean during the change of charter and retirement ceremony at the Myer Auditorium April 28. A member of the Senior Executive Service, Kreider retires with 40 years of military and civilian service. The former deputy PEO, Maj. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, succeeds Kreider as the PEO C3T.

in 2008 and was faced with opportunities in the private and government sectors.

"I had a number of job offers, so it was a competition, but when I got the phone call with the offering of the job as the SES I felt that I had the ability to impact the Army and our nation more in an SES position than I did in the civilian job offers that I had," Kreider said.

Following an assignment with then PEO Future Combat Systems, Kreider transitioned to PEO IEW&S to initially serve as the deputy PEO and then took over as the PEO in April of 2012.

As the PEO for IEW&S, Kreider along with six project managers led a

team of more than 1,500 Soldiers, DOD civilians and contractors in the development and sustainment of systems that cover the gamut of military needs. PEO IEW&S is responsible for a multibillion-dollar portfolio consisting of a combination of more than 80 programs of record and quick-reaction capabilities. Fielded assets range from airborne and ground sensors to the network connectivity and analyst tools used to exploit the large amounts of collected information.

Amongst the numerous accomplishments of the organization under Kreider's leadership was the ability to create a construct that would allow for

increased cohesiveness with other Army organizations.

Reflection, looking to future

"The former PEO, Maj. Gen. Harry Greene, and I had a joint vision to realign the organization to make it more effective and efficient in aligning with the Science & Technology community and with the Army Centers of Excellence," Kreider said. "We came up with a joint plan that I had the opportunity to implement and realigned the PEO into a strategic construct to make us more responsive to the capability needs of the Soldiers."

With his time as PEO winding down, Kreider reflected on the value of the organization's efforts.

"I just want to congratulate the team and thank them for their unselfish support to Soldiers and the nation," he said. "It has been an honor to lead them and to be part of the team, I just really appreciate them and wish them the best in all that they do."

"I see the PEO having a very bright future on a couple of states. First of all our portfolio is particularly important for the Army's operational concept. Heidi Shyu [former Army Acquisition Executive] in her departure gave leadership her recommendation on where we need to invest and four of those areas are in this portfolio (Electronic Warfare, Cyber, Aircraft Survivability and Positioning Navigation & Timing)."

Kreider also pointed out that he believes the PEO will continue to be heavily involved with integrated base defense, the intelligence side of the house, and the survivability side of the house.

"We are engaged down range with almost every combatant command that exists on a daily basis. Our main focus is support to the Soldier and we do that well."

Vollmecke steps into the role as PEO after serving more than eight months as the deputy PEO for the organization. Prior to his current assignment Vollmecke was the deputy commanding general for the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan overseeing the security assistance program for the Afghan National Defense Security Forces in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel.

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SATURDAY MAY 14

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Retiree Appreciation Day is set for Saturday, May 14 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The event will begin with registration at 8 a.m. More details will follow. For more information, contact Tom Shumate at thomas.s.shumate2.civ@mail.mil or 410-306-2303.

**SATURDAY – THURSDAY
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ARMED FORCES WEEK

APG will host the following events during Armed Forces Week:

- **Military Retiree Appreciation Day**
May 14, at 8 a.m.
APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center
- **Armed Forces Golf Scramble**
May 16, 8 a.m.
Ruggles Golf Course (APG North)
- **Our Community Salutes**
May 17, 1 p.m.
APG North Recreation Center
- **Bike to Work Day**
May 18, 6:30 a.m.
APG North Recreation Center
- **Run to Honor**
May 19, 6:30 a.m.
Shore Park (APG North)
- **Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Luncheon**
May 19, 11:30 a.m.
Richlin Ballroom
- **Comedy Show**
May 19, 6 p.m.
APG North Recreation Center

For more information about upcoming events, contact Rodney Shelby at rodney.d.shelby.civ@mail.mil

TUESDAY MAY 24

**SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE
FELLOWSHIP GRADUATION**

The Defense Acquisition University - Senior Service College Fellowship Program will host a graduation ceremony for its current 2015-2016 class at 11 a.m. at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. The graduation ceremony marks the culmination of ten months of full-time, rigorous study focused on developing acquisition and leadership attributes. A short reception will follow. Please RSVP by May 19 to Ben Metcalfe at benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil or 410-272-9471.

meetings&conferences

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MAY 20-21**

**PILLARS OF A GODLY MAN
CONFERENCE**

The APG Gospel Service Men’s Ministry will host Pillars of a Godly Man Conference at the APG North (Aberdeen) main post chapel, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21. The free event will include various quest speakers. Breakfast and lunch will be served May 20. It is open to all men in the community. For more information, call 443-422-8970 or 443-403-9466.

THURSDAY JUNE 23

EEO FOR IMCOM SUPERVISORS

EEO will host a training for IMCOM supervisors at Bldg. 3147 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All supervisors attending will need to email and register with Charles Gilmore, EEO training coordinator, at charles.l.gilmore3.civ@mail.mil. On the day of the training, check the bulletin board in Bldg. 3147 for the classroom location of the training. Maximum 50 people per class.

ONGOING

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Religious Services Office hosts a new Soldier and Family Christian Fellowship Bible Study Class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel. Free childcare is included. The class focuses on biblical fellowship and outreach and encouragement through prayer and is open to the entire APG community. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

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**SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS
UNAVAILABLE AT KUSAHC**

Please be advised that Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is currently unable to administer smallpox vaccinations due to temporary non-availability. An announcement will be made when vaccinations are to be resumed. For questions, call 410-278-5475.

TUESDAY MAY 10

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD VISIT

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged for a Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield claim representative visit APG, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, room 120, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will be available 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Bldg. E2800 (JPEOCBD), Rooms 103/104. in APG South (Edgewood). No appointment is necessary. Point of contact for this information is Teri Wright, 410-278-4331 or teresa.l.wright28.civ@mail.mil, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

THURSDAY MAY 12

**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND
STROKE INFO SESSION**

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a High Blood Pressure/Stroke Informational Session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 6000 Myer Auditorium. Learn why high blood pressure is called the silent killer and how it increases your risk of heart disease and stroke. After the presentation, join in a Zumba demonstration that will show you how to have fun while improving your blood pressure. Blood pressure screenings will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The session is open to all. Contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice government contracts for time spent at these activities. For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

**EDGEWOOD DENTAL CLINIC
CLOSURE**

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed Thursday, May 12. For more information, contact Sgt. Tracy Glover at tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil.

THURSDAY MAY 19

OSTEOPOROSIS INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host an Osteoporosis Informational Session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, 2nd floor, room 224. Osteoporosis is not just a problem for little old ladies. It is a condition that is preventable and reversible without using dangerous drugs and their side effects. In this class you will learn what triggers osteoporosis and its precursor osteopenia. This class will cover practical, simple steps to prevent weak bones that can lead to debilitating fractures as you age. You may be surprised to know it’s not all about calcium. The session is open to civilians, contractors, and military. Non-C4ISR employees must bring their CAC to gain access to the building. Contractors who participate in CECOM activities must not invoice government contracts for time spent at these activities. For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

**2016 CPR & AED TRAINING
CLASS SCHEDULE**

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services has announced the CPR/AED class schedule for 2016. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

All APG North (Aberdeen) classes will be held at Bldg. 3147. All APG South (Edgewood) classes will be held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute’s North East Regional Training Center, located near the Edgewood (Wise Road) gate.

- **May 19** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **June 16** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **July 21** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Aug. 18** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

- **Sept. 22** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Oct. 20** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 17** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Dec. 15** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Mike Slayman at 410-306-0566.

ONGOING

**KUSAHC CLOSED FIRST
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic believes the key to being the premier health and readiness platform is a professionally-developed workforce, and reinvesting in employees is an investment to their service to APG. As such, KUSAHC will close the first Wednesday of every month for training purposes until further notice. For more information, visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx> or www.facebook.com/KUSAHC.

THURSDAY JULY 7

**EDGEWOOD DENTAL CLINIC
CLOSURE**

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed Thursday, July 7. For more information, contact Sgt. Tracy Glover at tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil.

THURSDAY AUGUST 11

**EDGEWOOD DENTAL CLINIC
CLOSURE**

The APG South (Edgewood) Dental Clinic will be closed Thursday, August 11. For more information, contact Sgt. Tracy Glover at tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil.

miscellaneous

TUESDAY MAY 31

**SIGNAL CORPS SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The Signal Corps Regimental Association, LTG Mallette Chapter, seeks to recognize Signal Soldiers through scholarship for their past achievements and to aid them in accomplishing their current goals. Applicants must be current Signal Soldiers or immediate family members and apply by May 31, 2016. For more information and an application process contact Paul Terzulli at 443-395-8405, paul.l.terzulli.civ@mail.mil, or mallette.scra@gmail.com.

ONGOING

**APG SOUTH 2016 WATER MAIN
FLUSHING**

The APG Garrison Directorate of Public Works has announced its APG South (Edgewood) 2016 water main flushing schedule. The Edgewood DPW Waterworks Branch will perform water main flushing during the following times:

- **April through June:** E2000 area.
- **May 12-14:** APG South housing area, Austin Road.
- **July through Sept.:** E3000-E4000 area.
- **Aug. 11-13:** APG South housing area, E1220-E1300 area, and child care center.
- **Oct. through Dec.:** E5000 area.
- **Nov. 10-12:** APG South housing area, Austin Road.

For more information, contact Robert Warlick at 410-436-2196 or robert.w.warlick2.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

**2016 FIRE MARSHALL
PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Protection & Prevention Division will host Fire Marshall classes the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. All classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the class. Upcoming class dates include:

- **May 19** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **June 28** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **July 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Aug. 11** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Sept. 27** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Oct. 13** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Nov. 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 15** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 20** – APG South, Bldg. 4403

Additional classes can be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact Inspector Loren Brown at 410-278-1128.

ONGOING

**2016 FIRE EXTINGUISHER
TRAINING**

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Protection & Prevention Division will host fire extinguisher training classes on APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) throughout 2016. Two classes will be held each day from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- **May 19** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **June 23** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **July 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Aug. 17** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Sept. 15** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Oct. 13** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Nov. 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 22** – APG South, Bldg. E4810

For more information, contact Ernie Little at 410-306-0583 or ernest.w.little.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

**FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR
SALE**

Firewood is available at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8-foot pick-up truck, \$15 per level standard 6-foot pick-up truck, and \$5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come-first-served basis at APG South (Edgewood) in Bldg. E4630, Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact Scott English at 410-436-9804 or Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789.

ONGOING

**RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM
WANTS TO THANK YOU!**

Are you an APG Soldier or civilian nearing retirement from government service? Consider participating in the monthly Installation Retirement Ceremony. The APG Garrison hosts the event the fourth Thursday of each month –except November – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dickson Hall (Ball Conference Center). Much goes into the planning for these events. Event planners set up flag displays, write speeches, print programs, provide sound equipment and photography support and even create photo DVDs for each retiree. Also, awards and decorations are presented to retirees and their spouses. All Soldiers and civilians are eligible to participate in the Installation Retirement Ceremony regardless of unit or organization. This is a program designed to thank retiring personnel for their loyalty and perseverance and for the sacrifices they endured while serving the nation. Retirees are encouraged to participate and to share this day with family members and friends. After all, Uncle Sam wants to thank you. Don’t you think you’ve earned it? For more information, contact Lisa M. Waldon, Garrison Training Operations Officer, at 410-278-4353 or email lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

**HARFORD COMMUNITY
COLLEGE CYBERSECURITY
PROGRAM**

Harford Community College has announced a new cybersecurity program to prepare interested individuals – military and civilian – in an entry-level cybersecurity position. The Cyber Defense Certificate program offers 39 credits, and prepares students for four industry-recognized certifications that include: Comp TIA’s Net+, Security+, Linux+, and Cisco’s CCENT. The program also awards credit for prior learning. Classes are held at Harford Community College in the evening. Veterans and spouses are encouraged to apply. Enrollment for classes in the fall is currently underway. For more information, contact Christine Brown at HCC at chbrown@harford.edu or 443-356-0363.

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Let’s Move, Take Back event a hit despite rain

Despite a steady rain, plenty of people came out for Zumba during the “Let’s Move in the Courtyard” fitness event at the C4ISR campus, April 28, and the Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP, had a strong showing for its final Prescription Drug Take Back campaign event.

The combined event included a Zumba session led by Keyuna Milan and vendor displays and giveaways featuring the Army Wellness Center at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Premier Chiropractic.


Employee Assistance Program managers Robin Stokes and Wayne Allen turned the collection over to DES Chief Detective Dawn Fischer who said medications collected during the APG campaign would be turned into the central collection point in Bel Air on Harford County Prescription Drug Take Back Day, April 30.

The APG campaign netted 71 pounds in prescription and over-the counter medications. This year’s campaign was dedicated to Senior Deputy Pat Dailey and DFC Mark Logsdon, the two Harford County Sheriff deputies killed during a shooting in February according to harfordsheriff.org.

(Above) Employee Assistance Program managers Robin Stokes, left, and Wayne Allen, right, display a collection bin of turned-in prescription and over-the-counter medicines at the ASAP display during the Let’s Move in the Courtyard and Prescription Take-Back event at the C4ISR campus.

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BY THE NUMB#RS

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is Friday, May 6. This day is set aside to recognize the many contributions and sacrifices of military spouses.

21

Percentage of military spouses who have four-year bachelor degrees. Eight percent have graduate degrees.

17

Years since Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military Appreciation Month.

7

Percentage of military spouses who are male.

6.3

Percentage of service members who are in dual-military marriages.

5

Years since the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, or MSEP, was established by Jill Biden, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden. Since 2011, more than 90,000 military spouses have been hired by 300 MSEP partners.

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News
Source(s): <http://militarybenefits.info>
<http://www.dodlive.mil/>
www.military.com

All Things Maryland



Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Art museum celebrates creativity and nature

Story and photos by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Maryland is filled with beautiful places that celebrate spring and none are lovelier than the Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, near Solomons Island in Calvert County.

Visitors can stroll through a sculpture garden, comprised of 30 acres of forests, fields, and meadows situated alongside St. John’s Creek. The sculptures include permanent structures as well as works on loan from the National Gallery of Art and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., and from private collections.

The museum has an annual “Fairies in the Garden” exhibit, which this year features more than 50 fairy and gnome houses hidden throughout the garden.

“We have artists, families, Girl Scout troops and just individuals who want to have fun and express their creativity enter fairy and gnome homes,” said Joann Foltz, director of marketing for the Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center.

The center’s John Dennis Murray Arts Building consists of two floors of art exhibits, a small nature center and the artLAB, a creative reuse center. Foltz said creative reuse is the process turning used or recycled materials into works of art, home decoration, utilitarian objects, jewelry and more.

“We find that the inside/outside aspect of the facility appeals to visitors young and old,” Foltz said. “We embrace and celebrate creativity bringing art and nature together and invite guests to be a part of it all. People find this very approachable, especially young children.”

The museum hosts numerous special events throughout the year. The annual “Southern Maryland Acoustic Music Assembly,” featuring improvised music, contra dancing and an evening concert will be held May 14, from 1 to 9 p.m. Visitors can bring their favorite instrument to participate in informal jam sessions called “song circles.”

Another popular event, Artfest, set for Sept. 17 - 18, has more than 165 artists booths, live music, activities for children and street performers, including stilt walkers, mimes, living statues, and balloon and bubble artists.

“It’s a fabulous weekend of great shopping and artful activities,” Foltz said.

Center information

The Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center is located at 13480 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and admission prices call 410-326-4640 or visit <http://www.annmariegarden.org/>.



The Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, in Calvert County, features 30 acres of forests, fields, and meadows with sculptures from renowned artists and local volunteers. (Clockwise from top)

- “After Iyengar” a bronze sculpture by Robert Engman created in 1978.
- A gnome house, part of the “Fairies in the Garden” exhibit. Visitors are challenged to search for the more than 50 fairy and gnome houses hidden throughout the sculpture garden.
- A floral-themed “Tree Pop.” Staff and volunteers have painted “Tree Pops” throughout the sculpture garden.

Second ‘Run to Honor’ set for May 19



By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

APG will host its second Run to Honor event 6:30 to 8 a.m., Thursday, May 19, starting at Shore Park on Aberdeen Boulevard in APG North (Aberdeen). The event features a 5K route for runners or walkers, and a 5-mile route for runners only.

The APG Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or FMWR, and Survivor Outreach Services, also known as SOS, co-sponsor this event to provide an opportunity to Run to Honor fallen Soldiers and surviving families.

Mike Farlow, SOS program advisor, said more than 100 runners and walkers participated in the inaugural event which was held in June 2015.

“This year, the Run to Honor is held in conjunction with Armed Forces Week, which is fitting,” Farlow said. He added that members of the Wear Blue: Run to Remember Harford County/APG group will support the run by distributing water at stations along the routes.

Participants are asked to arrive by 6 a.m. to secure parking, pick up their race bibs, and receive the safety briefing. They should also wear bright clothing or reflective belts. Run to Honor t-shirts will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.


Pre-registration is recommended, Farlow said, adding the run is open to everyone.

“This is a coming together to honor sacrifices,” he said. “We definitely expect participation from Survivors, Gold Star family members and military units.”

To register for the May 19 Run to Honor at APG go to <https://runtohonor2016.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Farlow at 410-278-2435 or michael.b.farlow.civ@mail.mil.

During APG’s first Run to Honor June 10, 2015, Christina Ju, with the Communications-Electronics Command Software Engineering Center, runs in honor of fallen Marine Staff Sgt. James M. Malachowski from Westminster, Maryland. APG will host its second Run to Honor May 19 at Shore Park starting at 6:30 a.m.

Photo by Rachel Ponder, APG News



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Blitz assesses electromagnetic spectrum

Story and photos by
KRISTEN KUSHIYAMA
CERDEC

The U.S. Army brought together operational forces and elements from the cyber, training and doctrine, research and development, and acquisition communities at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, April 18-29, to further define how the Army operationally adapts to cyber and electromagnetic threats.

Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii and the 7th Signal Command Cyber Protection Brigade from Fort Gordon, Georgia spent two weeks at the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC, proofing new operations concepts in a realistic training scenario similar to what they would see at a National Training Center during "Cyber Blitz: Converged Brigade Combat Team Main Command Post."

Inside a Tactical Operations Center

Unlike training scenarios Soldiers typically go through, Cyber Blitz forced them to account for cyber electromagnetic activities-related interactions in a tactical operations center, or TOC.

"We've been talking about cyber for what appears to be a long time, but it's really been for a relatively short time, only 10 years," said Henry Muller, CERDEC director, whose organization researches and develops systems and technologies for cyber and electromagnetic activities. "As technology evolves so rapidly and we continue to eat up and crowd the electromagnetic spectrum, to be able to operate in cyber is becoming more and more important to the Army."

The importance of cyber and the electromagnetic spectrum beyond research and development aspects has become a priority for the Army.

"Two years ago as we started to look at how the world was changing and how the threat was evolving, what we recognized was regional peers and the near-peer threat had started to understand what our advantages were and started to develop capabilities to counter those advantages," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Fogarty, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence commanding general.

"Our problem was how to optimize our ability to integrate staff functions, support



CERDEC's Dr. Michael Brownfield talks with Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division out of Hawaii during U.S. Army's Cyber Blitz April 2016 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Cyber Blitz provides the Army a venue to observe and assess cyber and electromagnetic activity-related interactions in a Tactical Command Post.

the commander in a very high-intensity fight, in a fight that includes a very contested cyber and electromagnetic component," Fogarty said.

Cyber Blitz looked to address the physical construct of the main command post as well as the interactions between military operations specialties. A current TOC with functions such as operations, intelligence and fire support is physically separate from the relatively newer roles related to communications such as network protection, electronic warfare and spectrum analysis, which would reside in another portion of the command post.

As a first step to addressing these problems, subject matter experts from the AMC, the Training and Doctrine Command, Army Cyber Command, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) worked with and observed the 25th Infantry Division and Cyber Protection Brigade conducting complex operations in a simulated environment.

Threat vignettes

Soldiers faced a variety of integrated threat vignettes to better develop their situational understanding of cyber and the electromagnetic spectrum: was there a cyber-attack, a hostile electromagnetic effect or did a fellow unit accidentally interfere with communications?

As Soldiers triaged the incidents, par-

ticipating organizations provided insight to different aspects of the command post interactions and helped the Soldiers adjust their Battle Drills as necessary throughout Cyber Blitz.

"Our Army is and will remain in the near future a commander-centric Army," said Lt. Col. Brent Clemmer, 25th Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment commander. "The challenge here is you have folks who are very used to excelling in their cylinder of excellence—whether it's looking at the spectrum, whether it's looking at the network. But what they are not used to doing is describing to a commander the risks posed to that network that also provides a risk to operations on the ground."

Clemmer described accounting for cyber and the electromagnetic spectrum as a cultural change.

"I'm an infantry man; I've been doing it for 18 years, but I'm having to learn a little bit of a different language as well to communicate these ideas across the cyber realm that, frankly, I didn't have to worry about for the past 18 years of my career," Clemmer said.

"The electronic warfare officers, signal leaders, network managers, analysts who are all good at their job before now also have to see themselves as analysts and they have to ask the question- who else needs to know?... How is that going to effect a scheme of maneuver the brigade's execut-

ing forward of the line?" Clemmer said. "In the end, there are 4,000 or 5,000 Soldiers in this brigade forward of us fighting, and without the enabling functions that are happening back in the TOC, we can't put them in a position of relative advantage."

The assessments will help inform future Army requirements and doctrine regarding how the TOC can better support the forward brigade. While the change in Army policy and doctrine may not occur immediately, each of the participating Army organizations walked away with lessons learned that immediately affect their mission.

"For the 25th ID, it was a win-win for us. The 2nd Brigade, 25th ID and the division headquarters will have more Soldiers who are more trained and understand this better than any other division in our Army right now," Clemmer said. "I think we also won because the Soldiers here were able to point out flaws in the system, things that need to approve, and we were able to allow assessors to check out the process and go from there."

For the science and technology community, events like Cyber Blitz help inform next-steps for research and development.

"We invest roughly \$60 million a year in advancing the Army from an S&T perspective. Now we will have a greater confidence that we are pursuing the right capabilities based on what we see coming out of Cyber Blitz when we are again putting capabilities in the Soldiers' hands — getting their feedback on what gaps they see, what gaps they need filled — to inform for us our S&T investments going forward," said John Willison, CERDEC Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate, or S&TCD, director.

The Army will also use lessons learned from this iteration of Cyber Blitz to help inform the TRADOC Cyber Center of Excellence's Cyber Quest this summer.

"This [Cyber Blitz] is a building block [for Cyber Quest]," Fogarty said. "We are going to take it and look at the data layer. So just like we converged these different disciplines into one place in the tactical operations center, we are going to converge all their [Soldiers'] data and information into one place in Cyber Quest."

Further analysis of Cyber Blitz will take place during the next few months, and the Army will complete its assessment of this Cyber Blitz iteration this summer and anticipates follow-on Cyber Blitz events later this year.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



Learn more about APG MWR activities and services by going online at www.apgmwr.com.

Upcoming Activities

SAVE THE DATE MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION LUNCH, PAINT & SIP MAY 9

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Top of the Bay

Team APG spouses will be honored with a lunch and paint & sip event at Top of the Bay May 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to all spouses.

Attendees must register by April 28 at www.apgmwr.com and click "Upcoming Events."

For more information, call 410-278-2464.

GIs OF COMEDY SHOW MAY 19

5 p.m.
APG North (Aberdeen)
recreation center

APG MWR will host "GIs of Comedy," a free comedy show at the APG North recreation center. Doors open 5 p.m., show starts 6 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 410-278-3931.

ARMY/NAVY GAME TICKETS DEC. 10

While supplies last, MWR Leisure Travel Services has tickets to the Army vs. Navy game on Dec. 10 at the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Tickets are \$91 a person.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT MAY 6

6 p.m.
APG North (Aberdeen)
recreation center

This family movie night will feature "The Good Dinosaur" at the APG North recreation center starting at 6 p.m. The free event will include a craft and giveaways. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 410-278-4011.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT MAY 20

6 p.m.
APG South (Edgewood)
recreation center

This family movie night will feature "The Peanuts Movie" at the APG South recreation center starting at 6 p.m. The free event will include a craft, give-

aways, snacks and refreshments.

For more information, call 410-278-4011.

KIDZ ART SUMMER WORKSHOP JUNE 27-30

1-3 p.m.
Corvias Community Center

Age 5-12. This class will introduce students to a variety of mediums and methods including drawing, painting, and collage. Students will learn and practice basic skills to include color mixing, painting with artist paint brushes, drawing with pencil, marker pastel and more. At the end, there will be a presentation for parents of the artists. Cost is \$40.

For more information, contact Shirelle Womack at shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

KINDERJAM

KinderJam is a fun, new, exciting high-energy preschool learning program that emphasizes the kinesthetic learning of preschool concepts. Our classes are designed to enrich children from ages 1 to 5 years old (younger siblings are always welcome). KinderJam focuses on introducing and reinforcing basic preschool skills in a spirited manner that will capture and hold your little one's attention from beginning to end. For more info, log on to www.kinderjam.com.

One Free Trial class per child. Parents are required to attend.

Full class schedule coming soon.

Free trial ages: 1-5 yrs

For more information, contact shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589/3250.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Participants must be registered with the CYSS Parent Central Office. Fees are based on total family income. Fees waived for all middle school students' afternoon care.

For more information, contact the Parent Central Office at 410-278-7571.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE HOME SELLING SEMINAR MAY 11

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Bldg. 2503

This seminar covers everything from staging to settlement. Learn to prepare and stage your home, gather the necessary documents and understand the process from hanging the for sale sign to settlement day!

To reserve a seat, contact Leary Henry, ACS Financial Readiness Pro-

gram manager at 410-278-2453.

THE 3 Cs OF COMMUNICATION MAY 19

12-1:30 p.m.
ACS, Bldg 2503

Participants will learn about the different aspects of verbal and non-verbal communication.

C - communicate

C - collaborate

C - commit

For additional information, please call ACS, 410-278-2180

SPORTS & RECREATION

CINCO DE MAYO GOLF OUTING MAY 6

4 p.m.
Exton Golf Course

9 hole event. Tacos, chips and salsa and other refreshments will be served. Cost is \$30 for annual patrons, \$35 for authorized patrons, \$40 for guests. Pre-register at the Exton Clubhouse.

For more information call 410-436-2213 or 410-436-2233.

BINGO KICKOFF MAY 11

4 p.m.
APG Bowling Center

Session Bingo at the APG Bowling center will kick-off Wednesday, May 11 with doors opening at 4 p.m. Early-bird games start at 5 p.m. with a cash payout of \$25 per game. Early-bird cards are \$1 each or three for \$2. The session program begins at 6 p.m., consisting of 8 games paying out \$50 for each game. There will also be two nightly progressive jackpot games, the first paying out \$200, the second paying out \$500. Progressive jackpot game cards are \$1 each or three for \$2.

Electronic Champion 2 Bingo Tablets are also available for session bingo.

Normal nights for bingo will be Monday and Wednesday evenings. Doors open at 4 p.m. Early bird games start at 5 p.m., normal session bingo starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 410-278-4041.

HOMERUN DERBY MAY 13

5:30 p.m.
Shine Sports Field

Earn bragging rights as the best "SLUGGER" on APG. \$5 per person (payments made at the AA and EA Recreation Center. Walk-ups welcome. Bring co-workers or friends to pitch, shag balls, or cheer. (VOLUNTEERS WANTED)

Registration forms can be found

at any APG Sports Facility. Please email completed registration forms to: usarmy.APG.imcom-fmwrc.list.usag-mwr-sports@mail.mil or drop them off at any MWR sports facility. 278-7933/436-3375

GREENS KEEPERS REVENGE MAY 21

9 a.m.
Exton Golf Course

18 hole event. Cost is \$30 for annual patrons, \$35 for authorized patrons, \$40 for guests. Pre-register at the Exton Clubhouse.

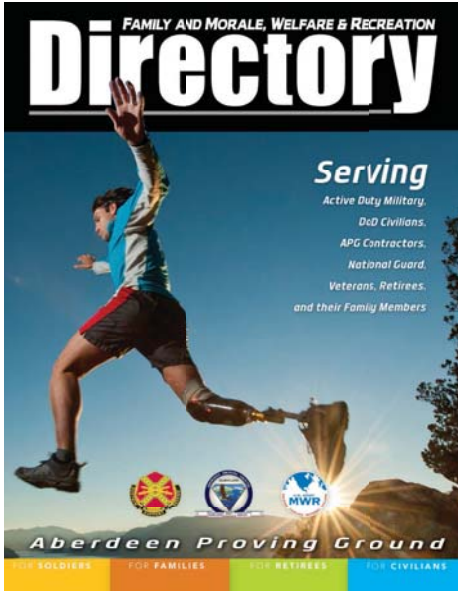
For more information call 410-436-2213 or 410-436-2233.

TURKEY SHOOT MAY 21


9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
APG South (Edgewood) Skeet & Trap Facility

Cost: \$5 per shot. All shooters must have their guns registered prior to bringing them on post. 12 gauge shotguns only (28-30" barrels) MWR will provide ammunition.

RSVP to Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 2184 or call 410-278-4124/278-4360 or email: usarmy.APG.imcom-fmwrc.list.usag-mwr-outdoorrec@mail.mil



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Stephen Perno, as “Wadsworth” the butler, standing, explains to the guests – all of whom are being blackmailed by the same person – why they’ve been brought together. Listening in, from left, retired Lt. Col. Randy Conlon as “Col. Mustard;” Tami Woodruff as Miss Scarlet;” Emily Woodruff as “Yvette;” Kevin Vienneau as “Mr. Green;” Vani Joseph as “Mrs. White;” Stan Huelet as “Professor Plum;” and Dawn Valdivia as “Mrs. Peacock.”

CLUE wows as classic whodunit

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

APG theater lovers enjoyed a classic whodunit full of twists, turns and hilarious one-liners during the sold-out APG Drama Club presentation of “CLUE,” at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, April 28.

An adaptation of the 1986 film by the same name, the story revolves around a secluded mansion where six zany characters – all of whom are at first unaware that they’re being blackmailed by the same person – gather for a mysterious dinner at the invitation of the even more mysterious, “Mr. Boddy,” played by Charlie Burgos-Lopez of the Army Research Laboratory, or ARL.

The guests are greeted by butler “Wadsworth” played by Stephen Perno of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, ATEC, who escorts them through an evening of multiple murders, finger-pointing and laughable mayhem until the mystery is solved – sort of.

Cast members were APG Soldiers, civilians and contractors as well as people from the local community. The infamous CLUE characters included: Randy Conlon a retired lieutenant colonel and current intelligence analyst with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, or ECBC, as “Col. Mustard;” retired 1st Sgt. Kevin Vienneau as “Mr. Green;” Stan Huelet of ECBC as “Professor Plum;” Dawn Valdivia of the Public Health Center as “Mrs. Peacock;” CHRA human resources specialist Tami Woodruff as “Mrs. Scarlet;” and Vani Joseph as “Mrs. White.”

Other characters included: Spc. Stacy Dobson of the 20th CBRNE Command as “The Singing Telegram Girl;” Tracy Nicolucci, a contractor with the Joint



“Professor Plum,” played by Stan Huelet, kneeling, checks for a pulse on “Mr. Boddy,” played by Charlie Burgos-Lopez as surprised guest, from left, “Miss Scarlet” (Tami Woodruff); “Mr. Green” (Kevin Vienneau); “Wadsworth” (Stephen Perno); “Mrs. White” (Vani Joseph); “Mrs. Peacock” (Dawn Valdivia); and “Col. Mustard” (Randy Conlon) look on.

Program Manager for Medical Countermeasures Systems, as the cook, “Mrs. Ho;” Jonce Hamm, a program manager with ManTech International Corporation as “The Cop;” Emily Woodruff, an Aberdeen High School senior, as the maid, “Yvette;” Evan Snyder, an Aberdeen High School junior and the son of Command Sgt. Maj. James Snyder, as “The Motorist;” Stanton Zacker as the “Evangelist/Chef;” and Capt. Robert Allen of the APG Garrison as “the man in black.”

Guests and cast members said they had a great time.

“I thought it was a good show overall, it had great humor,” said CECOM LRC

civilian Christina Robatto.

“It was good and funny, but I still don’t know who did it,” laughed Shawn Sejfal of CECOM.

“I thought it was wonderful,” said Jay Gatling, a Perry Point VA Medical Center civilian. “But who was [the man in black]?”

Valdivia, who played Mrs. Peacock, said she keeps participating in the drama group’s presentations because “they’re so much fun.”

“We have good turnouts because everyone enjoys them as much as we do,” she said, adding that some of her friends were unable to attend because

they waited too long to buy tickets for the sold-out event.

Director and host Tricia Devine said rehearsals were the best part of the production with the cast that “just seemed to jell together.”

“This cast was phenomenal; they had great chemistry,” she said. “This was a real challenge orchestrating, because we had to use the stage and the ballroom floor, but it was fun putting it all together.”

She thanked Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWR, and 1st Sergeant’s barbecue, which catered the event, for their support.

What you should know about Zika



Army Public Health Center

Zika virus (Zika) is spread to people through mosquito bites. Symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes. The illness is usually mild, with about one in five people infected developing symptoms.

Recently, Zika virus infections in pregnant women have been linked to infants born with birth defects. Zika virus has also been linked to Guillain-Barré syndrome, a disorder in which the body’s immune system attacks the nerves.

Present in Africa and Asia for decades, ongoing Zika virus transmission is occurring in South and Central America and the Caribbean. Persons are at risk for infection when travelling to or living in affected areas.

The best way to prevent infection is to avoid mosquito bites while in areas of ongoing transmission.

Women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant should postpone travel to areas where Zika transmission is ongoing. Anyone who has traveled to an area with Zika transmission is asked to defer donating blood for 28 days.

The risk of Zika infection is reduced by taking measures to avoid mosquito bites and sexual contact with men who have been infected.

How is Zika transmitted?

Zika is one of several diseases spread by the Aedes mosquito, which also spreads dengue and chikungunya. People primarily become infected with Zika from mosquito bites. Recent evidence suggests that Zika may also spread through body fluids, sexual activ-

ity, blood transfusions and from mother to child during pregnancy.

Where is it found?

Most recently, Zika has been rapidly spreading in South and Central America and the Caribbean.

The virus is expected to spread to some parts of nearly all countries in the Americas. For the most current travel alerts visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/active-countries.html>

What are the symptoms?

About one in five people infected with Zika will become ill. The illness is usually mild and includes fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes. Symptoms last from several days to a week. No vaccine or specific treatments are available to prevent or treat Zika. Recently, Zika infection has been linked to a rare condition called Guillain-Barré syndrome and to infants born with birth defects.

Symptoms of Guillain-Barré syndrome include weakness of the arms and legs that is usually the same on both sides of the body. If you or someone you know develops any of these symptoms, especially after traveling to an area with ongoing Zika transmission, see your healthcare provider.

What are the dangers for pregnant women?

During pregnancy Zika may pass from mother to baby. Some women infected with Zika while pregnant have had babies born with microcephaly, a condition where a baby is born with an abnormally small head and incomplete brain development.

What should you do if you are pregnant or trying to get pregnant?

Women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant who do not live in areas with active transmission of Zika should postpone travel to areas where Zika transmission is ongoing. Talk to your sexual partners about their potential exposure to Zika and any history of Zika-like symptoms.

Pregnant women or women who are trying to get pregnant, who live in an area with active transmission of Zika, should take special precautions. Pregnant women and their male partners should strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites. To prevent sexual transmission of Zika, consider not having sex or use condoms the right way every time during pregnancy. Talk to your healthcare provider about plans to become pregnant.

Testing is recommended for pregnant women who live in areas with active transmission of Zika; follow all recommendations for prenatal care. All Army medical facilities have been notified of the concerns surrounding Zika infection and are prepared to assist patients who may have been infected.

Pregnant Soldiers and DOD employees who live or work in an area with active Zika transmission should talk to their chain of command. Your chain of command can provide specific personal protective guidance and resources.

Should Soldiers who are pregnant, nursing, or trying to get pregnant wear an ACU

treated with permethrin?

Yes, if you are in an area with active Zika transmission. A permethrin-treated uniform, as part of the DOD Insect Repellent System is your best defense against infected mosquitoes. Discuss with your healthcare provider whether or not you are at risk of Zika infection. If your uniform is not treated with permethrin (maternity or untreated ACU) and you and your healthcare provider decide that wearing an ACU with permethrin is the best choice, you can learn how to safely treat your ACU by visiting: <http://go.usa.gov/cymwB/>.

What can you do?

Everyone should take steps to protect themselves from mosquitoes.

- Minimize time outside when mosquitoes are active.
- Control mosquitoes around the home by eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed.
- Empty water from containers such as garbage cans, wading pools and flower pots.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning or use screens that keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use DEET or picaridin insect repellent on exposed skin.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated items.

For more information, visit <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/diseases/Pages/Zika.aspx> or <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>.

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MEMORIES OF ‘NAM



Engineer helped build roads in ‘Nam

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Donald Jacques credits his service in ‘Nam with giving him lessons in perseverance and endurance that would sustain him throughout his life.

The military was a way of life for Jacques who was born in Michigan to a military family. His father retired in Florida and Jacques, who grew up in the “little town of Largo,” claims it as his home state. He attended a military high school and later graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, where he “fell in love with civil engineering.”

Jacques registered for the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, or ROTC. Vietnam was on the horizon – taking center stage in nightly new casts – and everyone knew what that meant for healthy young men.

“I did not want someone else determining my future,” he said.

After graduating as a second lieutenant, Jacques was accepted into the Army Corps of Engineers. He took leadership and basic military engineering training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and then was surprised to receive orders for a Combat Engineer Battalion in Korea. It was 1966 and Jacques said Korea was the best place for a “butter bar” like him to be.

“It was a wonderful assignment in many ways,” he said. “You didn’t have distractions; you just did your job.”

He said because all the experienced officers were being pulled to ‘Nam, most of the battalion’s leaders were lieutenants. Promotions were “pretty much automatic” then and Jacques made first lieutenant within the first year of the 15-month tour.

“The last few months I was the deputy division engineer,” he said. “It was a major’s position but I was the only civil engineer.”

He said he gained valuable experience during the assignment, thanks to the non-commissioned officer corps.

“Fortunately, we had a proper compliment of NCOs; if we hadn’t, it would have been bedlam,” he said. “We needed their experience. If that staff sergeant wasn’t there to handle NCO business I’d have been in deep, deep water.”

Jacques was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina after Korea. He gained a wife during his two years there but lost his enthusiasm for the Army due to the rigid Airborne lifestyle.

“I thought it was overblown, the way things were done there,” he said. “I enjoyed jumping and I got my wings and became a jump master but that’s the only part I enjoyed. It really soured me and I actually submitted my resignation.”

Heading to ‘Nam

The Army wasn’t letting go that easy, he recalled. “They basically said, ‘we’re gonna let you think about it while you’re on vacation in a place called Vietnam,’” he chuckled.

“I was a captain by then but I had no idea where I was going or what I would be doing.”

It was 1969. In ‘Nam, Jacques was assigned to the 815th Construction Engineer Battalion, a part of the 20th Engineer Brigade at Pleiku. In Korea he’d been a combat engineer. With Heavy Equipment, Dump Truck and like companies, the brigade was tasked for major projects. He said combat engineer units were collocated with the infantry battalions they supported.

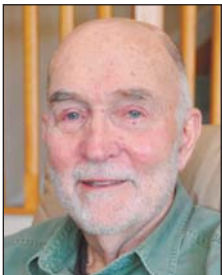
“Construction components were much more fluid and could operate independently,” he said. “The equipment is heavier and they’re assigned projects like roads, bridges, demolition – almost anything.”

He said Pleiku was in a high elevation area surrounded by steamy jungles but with rolling open country. The 4th Infantry Division and an Air Force base, which came under constant attack, was nearby.

“The infantry defended them, he said. “We used to sit on the roof and watch the fireworks.”

Jacques was the company commander for B Company, which along with companies C and D, was taking on the mission of preparing roads for widening and paving and adding drainage structures. He said his company had the lion’s share of the gravel operations mission, the majority of which was done north of their area which was less secure.

“We had two levels of paving; under-



Jacques

alignment and paving the surface on top,” he said. “The biggest challenge was moving materials up to the site. There were no active military operations in that area that I know of, but the biggest risks were bombs in the road.”

He said an artillery unit on a compound near the worksite agreed to store the unit’s equipment and an attack helicopter unit collocated at the same compound agreed to fly his men to and from the site.

“I would spend two nights a week with those [attack helicopter] guys and they’d be under attack virtually every night,” he said. “You’d roll out of your bunk next to the sand bags and stay there until it was over.”

During that time, he said he marveled at the youth of assault pilots.

“They were young,” he said. “I was 25 by then and they were very young in my eyes. They would party like crazy and they drank a lot, but they needed it. A lot of them didn’t come home and they knew their chances weren’t good.”

He recalled the locals along the highways in that region were Montagnards. The Montagnards, or indigenous people of the Central Highlands of Vietnam, supported South Vietnam efforts against the North. According to Wikipedia.com, U.S. Special Forces units recruited them and trained them on weaponry, adding to their tracking skills, and they were a major part of military efforts in the Highlands and I Corps. About 40,000 served during the war. The majority fled to Cambodia after the fall of Saigon.

Safety precautions

Jacques said throughout his tour, the unit took special precautions to protect his men from harm and he never lost one man to combat though some were lost to injury. Land clearing companies had bulldozed trees to create clear zones on each side of the road before their arrival.

“Our mornings were devoted to clearing worksites of bombs that might have been placed overnight,” he said. “They were ingenious little devices made of wood, hemp and a C-4 blasting cap inside. We found them and blew them up in-place.”

He added that the unit was never attacked while working on the roads because of the precautions they took.

“We were never attacked while working on the roads,” he said. “We’d build walls of steel and place 50-cals in dump trucks to protect the guys.”

Jacques’ became the operations officers for two companies and picked up his most challenging mission – paving a road from Da Lat to Saigon.

“The forest came right up to the 8-foot-wide road,” he said. “Our job was to clear land, build a place to live, and build a rock crusher plant so they could open a quarry to break rocks.”

“The biggest challenge was building the quarry but we were fortunate,” he said. “Out of our 300-plus Soldiers we had one specialist with a PhD in geology who had been drafted. He was given the assignment of designing the quarry and he did a wonderful job.”

He said that about a month into the operation, after they’d removed the tree cover and could “read the rock” a little better, they discovered they were on the wrong side of the mountain.

“Just a part of life in Vietnam,” he said.

He said ‘Nam was actually rougher on his wife than on him. When they met during his R&R in Hawaii, he said she was surprised at how tanned and healthy he looked.

“I was the healthiest I’d ever been in my life. She wasn’t expecting that,” he said. “I knew the separation had been hard on her. Just the worry alone was tough, plus we didn’t have ways to communicate on a regular basis.”

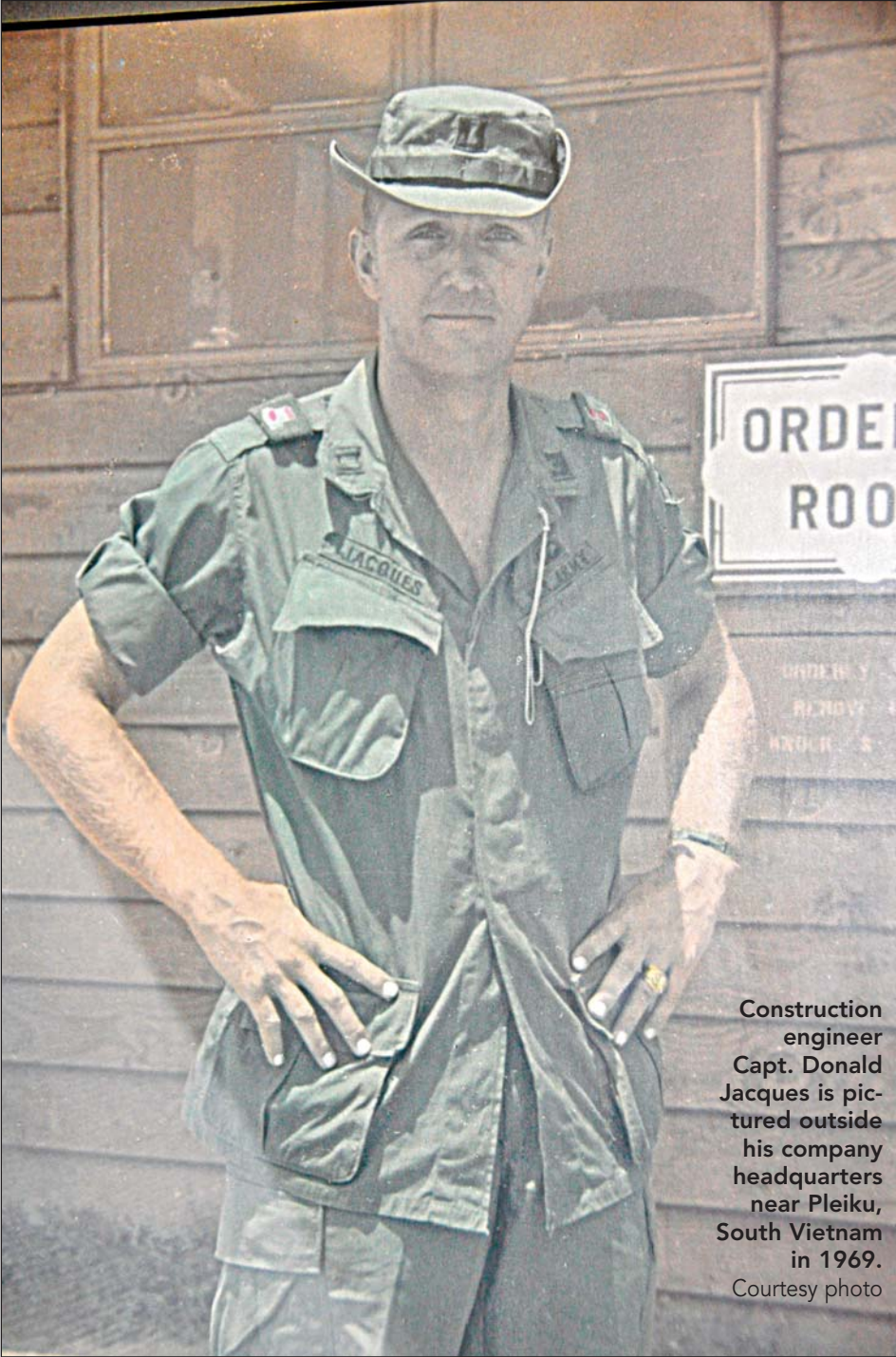
He said the Air Force had to find ham radio operators to connect calls for GIs wanting to call home. The conversations were worthwhile but not very romantic,” he said.

“You only had 3-5 minutes to say ‘I love you, over.’”

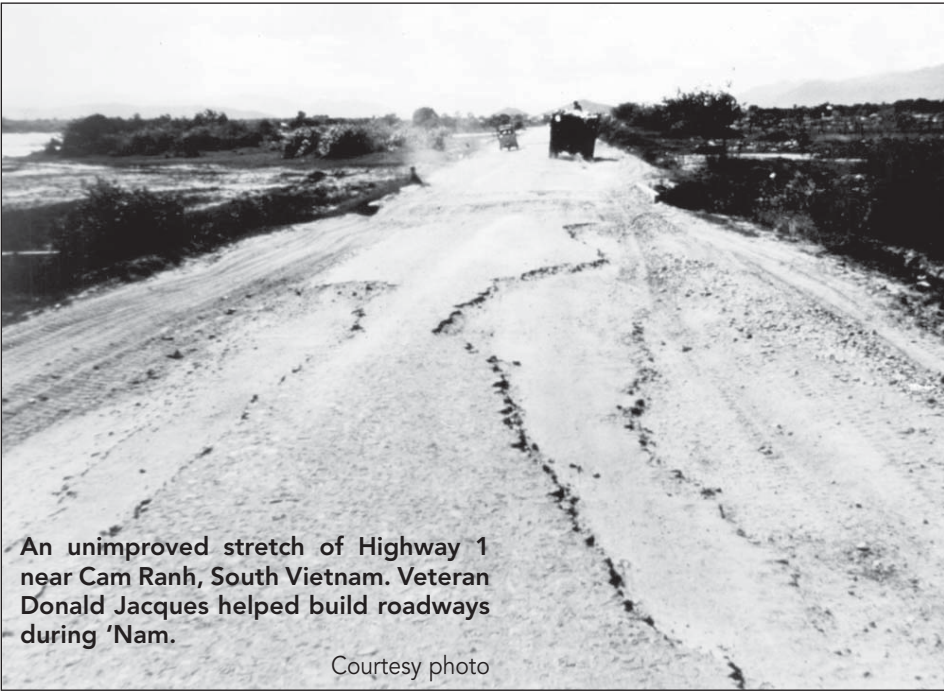
He said that after he returned from ‘Nam his wife told him a story that gave him goose bumps. She said before breaking the connection, the ham operator, thanked her for what she was going through and applauded her strength with a short pep talk.

“It made her feel real good,” Jacques said. “We didn’t recognize the name then but realized later that it was Barry Goldwater. He didn’t charge people and he’d let them talk for 5-10 minutes.”

Barry Goldwater was a 5-term U.S. Senator from Arizona and one-time Republican Party candidate for President.



Construction engineer Capt. Donald Jacques is pictured outside his company headquarters near Pleiku, South Vietnam in 1969. Courtesy photo



An unimproved stretch of Highway 1 near Cam Ranh, South Vietnam. Veteran Donald Jacques helped build roadways during ‘Nam. Courtesy photo

A man who appreciates hard work, Jacques called his experience in ‘Nam “satisfying.”

“From my view, the Army was doing what it had to do without [nonsense],” he said. “We had our missions and we accomplished them.”

Life after the Army

He returned from ‘Nam in 1970, decided to stay in the Army, and completed 10 more years before resigning his commission. Jacques returned to school, got his masters in Civil Engineering and signed up with the Army Corps of Engineers, or ACoE. He worked on American Army kasernes in Germany and said he really liked that part of the Corps. Jacques and his family came to Maryland in 1975 after he obtained a civilian position with the Baltimore District, ACoE.

“We had no ties or family here; we settled here because this is where I got a job,” he said.

The family settled in Odenton and then moved to Crofton when Jacques took on missions in the Washington, D.C. area. He became a chief engineer, and eventually rose to senior executive service level during the Reagan presidency while working Voice of America projects overseas.

“President Reagan was throwing money at anything that would break the Soviets,” he said. “I was hired to help build radio stations around the world.”

He worked another 15 years before retiring. He wanted to keep working, however, and took on an independent contractor position with the State Department, which he worked about eight years. He fully retired in 2008. Today, he and his family live quietly in Edgewater, Maryland, near Annapolis.

A patriot and family man, Jacques said that rather than changing him, ‘Nam rein-

forced his belief in getting the job done without a lot of red tape.

“Vietnam really didn’t change me, except in the sense that I was relieved when the Army was doing what was meant to be done,” he said. “It changed my wife much more because she had to deal with the unknown.

“I don’t really think back on those years, but I know I would do it again. It was a great experience from the engineering sense. I might feel differently if I had gone to a combat engineer unit. But overall, I think the only ones who benefited from everything we did was the North Vietnamese.”

Editor’s Note: According to Maj. Gen. Robert R. Ploger, author of “Vietnam Studies U.S. Army Engineers, 1965-1970, viewable at <http://www.history.army.mill/books/Vietnam/Engineers/ch8.htm#p115>, “Characterized by insufficient subgrade and poor drainage, existing roadways were in serious disrepair and required continuous maintenance. The wide variations in terrain and climate in Vietnam posed many unusual problems for the engineers and called for new methods of highway construction.

After numerous and extensive planning conferences, Headquarters, US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, issued directives outlining the construction program for the land lines of communication for engineer troops. The lines of communication program in Vietnam was one of the largest single engineer projects ever undertaken by the United States military in a foreign country. When completed, this massive construction project would tie together the major population centers of the country with 4,106 kilometers (3,038 miles) of modern high-speed highways.”

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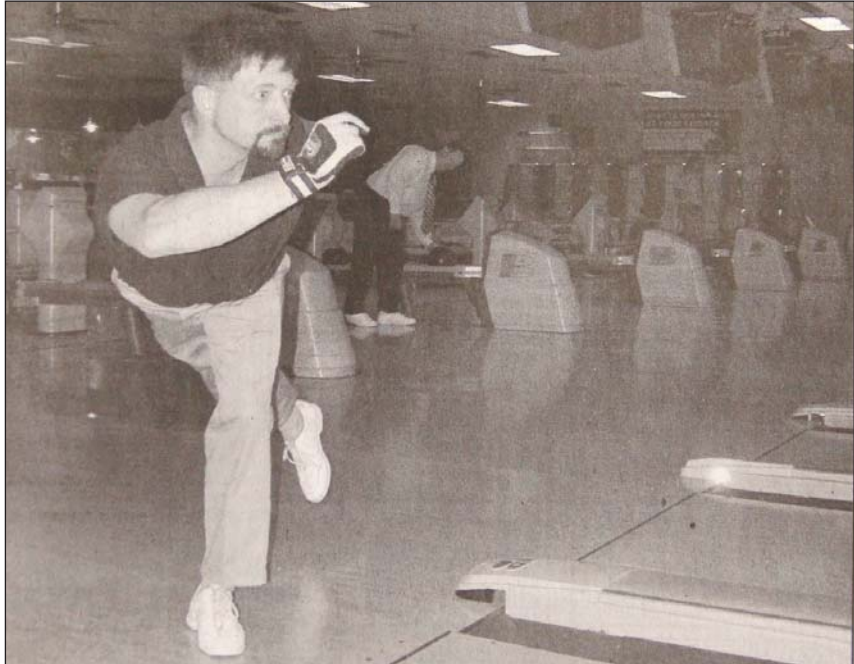


Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1995.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*

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10 Years Ago: May 4, 2006



(Above) Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic laboratory technician Rob Carpenter displays the form he used when he bowled a perfect 300 game during interleague play at the APG Bowling Center, April 11, 2006.



(Right) A French delegation visiting the U.S. for discussions on chemical, biological, radiological defense issues, at the invitation of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Cherooff, tours a laboratory at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

25 Years Ago: May 8, 1991



(Left) Val Goodall, an instructor with the OC&S Command & Staff Department, right, explains motor pool operations to lieutenants enrolled in the Ordnance Officer Basic Course.

(Below) TECOM Commander, Maj. Gen. George H. Akin, left, presents a \$500 cash award to Beverly Holbrook of the Directorate of Personnel, for being named Secretary of the Year.



50 Years Ago: May 5, 1966



(Above) Post veterinarian, Capt. John Walther, right, inspects a drake mallard that will be part of a display by the APG Wildlife Committee as Spc. Bobby Carton and Pvt. Van Scott of the Provost Marshal Game Warden Branch look on.

(Left) Betsy Fine, the daughter of Lt. Col. William T. Fine, represents Baltimore in the Miss Maryland Contest held in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Senior campaign scientist to lead laboratory effort

New ARL analysis and assessment lead looks to refine campaign in coming months

By **JOYCE M. CONANT**
Army Research Laboratory

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory recently implemented the Science and Technology Campaign Strategy to streamline its research efforts and to better support its customers. As ARL continues to drive opportunities in power projection, information, lethality and protection and Soldier performance for the Army of 2030 and beyond, newly implemented science and technology, or S&T, campaigns will lead to enhanced land power capabilities into the future, officials said.

With that in mind, the laboratory hired Dr. Thomas Stadterman as the senior campaign scientist to oversee the analysis and assessment campaign.

Stadterman said his objectives for the new position include leading change and developing a technical campaign vision that helps ensure operational overmatch for the Army beyond 2025.

“There will be lots of collaboration with the other campaigns, directorates, the analysis community and academia,” Stadterman said.

“Developing the campaign to ensure

that ARL has the tools, techniques and models to assess technologies to support the Soldier and establishing, and refreshing as appropriate, the science, technology, and analysis plan to support and implement the campaign vision and ensuring the campaign contains robust key campaign initiatives and an appropriate set of enduring core campaign enablers is essential.”

The campaigns include extramural basic research; computational sciences; materials research; sciences-for-maneuver; information sciences; sciences-for-lethality and protection; human sciences; and analysis and assessment. They are designed to operate in concert to provide ARL with a robust technological foundation to execute its mission.

Army career

Stadterman is not new to DOD and brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences to support his new position. He began his government career in 1987 as an Army Materiel Command intern at the School of Engineering and Logistics at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, and graduated from the Quality and Reliability Engineering program in 1988.

After completing the Quality and Reliability Engineering program, the Army assigned Stadterman to the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity. He spent five years working test design and evaluation for AMSAA, which is a mission that the Army Evaluation Center has now.

“After my time working TD&E, I moved into reliability engineering for the next 12 years. I worked on an engineering-based approach to reliability called physics-of-failure, which is based on understanding and modeling failure mechanisms,” Stadterman said.

“During this time, I moved from being an engineer to a team leader for the physics-of-failure team. In this position, I managed finite-element analysis, multi-body dynamic simulations, and computational fluid dynamic simulations related to mechanical and electronic systems.”

He continued to delve more into the field, worked in collaboration with others and moved into leadership positions.

“I also worked with multiple universities and research centers. After serving as team leader for eight years, I was promoted to branch chief at AMSAA. Over ten years, I was the branch chief of a number of branches including Chemical Demilitarization, Maneuver Systems, and most recently the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance branch. In a developmental assignment after the Defense Acquisition University senior service college fellowship, I served as Test and Quality division chief at the PM Distributed Common Ground System – Army Office.”

Stadterman has more than 25 years of experience in analysis and test and evaluation and is a former ARL customer.

Moving forward with A&A campaign

When asked what he hoped to bring to ARL as the A&A senior campaign scientist, he said, “I will be working to refine the campaign. I think the analysis and assessment campaign really should be crosscutting, as depicted in the ‘campaign chart’ with the other four campaigns (human systems, maneuver, lethality and protection, and information systems).

“I believe the A&A campaign should include A&A capabilities to address



U.S. Army photo
ARL recently implemented the S&T Campaign Strategy to streamline its research efforts and to better support its customers. Dr. Thomas Stadterman is the senior campaign scientist hired recently to oversee the analysis and assessment campaign.

technologies and systems in those other campaigns. I plan to refine the campaign over the next couple of months.”

Stadterman is originally from Trafford— a small town near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Lynn, like to travel, and especially enjoy the culture, sights and sounds of New Orleans. He also said they like to kayak “flatwater now, but we used to whitewater kayak,” and also enjoy riding on his Harley Davidson. You might even get the chance to hear him play a bluesy Eric Clapton tune on his guitar.

Stadterman said he looks forward to working with everyone at ARL to implement the A&A campaign.

APG North cut-off dates for acquisition packages set

ACC-APG, Tenant Contracting Division

The Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground, or ACC-APG, Tenant Contracting Division, has established its Fiscal Year 2016 cutoff date for submission of complete Acquisition Packages to include purchase requests, known as PRs, and required acquisition documentation.

With proper and early planning, the Tenant Contracting Division can successfully process customer requests that are identified and submitted by or before May 16. This greatly enhances the ability of the ACC-APG to meet customer needs. Packages accepted after the cutoff date will be handled on a best effort basis with no guarantee of award.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of acquisition packages for FY 16. This cutoff date is for the PR and all supporting documentation and signed approvals. Incomplete acquisition packages will not be accepted by the Tenant Division. Failure to include the necessary documentation could result in delay, untimely, or non-award of requests.

APG North cut-off date

The cut-off date of May 16 includes, but is not limited to, the actions listed below:

- Noncommercial items over \$150,000*
- Noncommercial items between \$2,500 for services; \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,000 for construction and \$150,000
- Commercial items under \$150,000
- Commercial items over \$150,000*
- Services under \$150,000
- Services over \$150,000*
- Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts
- GSA schedule procurements
- Short-of-award over \$2,500**
- Maintenance for FY 2016 – (FY16 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

*There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the Branch Chiefs prior to this date. ACC-APG encourages our customer activities to coordinate their projected FY-end requirements with their respective branch chiefs during

the third quarter in order to discuss acquisition methods and identify those documents, reviews, and approvals required to accompany the procurement package.

**Customers submitting short-of-award PRs, especially for services requirements, must consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds. Short-of-award actions, if not funded in FY15, should be funded immediately in FY16 as a bona fide need.

Subject-to-Availability-of-Funds, or SAF, will only be accepted by the Tenant Contracting Division Branch Chiefs. APG activities should consider maximizing use of their Government Purchase Cards to execute small dollar transactions for authorized items rather than submitting a purchase request to the contracting office.

ALL acquisition packages must be submitted electronically and at a minimum shall include the following: funded purchase request, statement of work/description of requirement/purchase description, signed Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE), Service Acquisition strategy (>\$150,000 inclusive of options), Service Contract Approval, COR nomination completed in VCE-COR tool, Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP), NEC approval and/or AK1 Goal Waiver (IT hardware, software and services), evaluation factors, complete Sole Source Justification (<\$150K and J&A for >\$150K, if appropriate), Antiterrorism/Operations Security (AT/OPSEC) cover sheet, and Market Research.

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APG South cut-off dates set for 2016 procurement requests

ACC-APG, Edgewood Contract Division

The Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edgewood Contracting Division, known as ECD, has issued the following guidance for the Fiscal Year 2016 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests for those customers receiving contract support through ECD.

Advance planning in identifying and submitting PRs on or before the published cutoff dates greatly enhances the ability of the ECD to meet customer needs.

The peak processing time for most contracting offices is between July 1 and September 30 of each fiscal year. “Last year ECD processed 339 procurement actions valued at approximately \$70.1M during the July through September time period,” said Jason VanLuven, Chief of the ECD Policy Office. “We experienced a slow start in receiving the distribution of customer funding this fiscal year. As a result, we anticipate that the number of actions will significantly increase during this year’s 4th Quarter to compensate for the slow start. Thus, it is extremely important that customers be as diligent as possible in clearly identifying their needs as early in the cycle as possible,” said Mr. VanLuven.

Maintaining adequate resources continues to be a challenge for the contracts team and customers therefore it is equally as important to submit complete procurement packages. Mr. VanLuven said, “Incomplete and inaccurate acquisition packages delay the process and create inefficiency and significant delay in achieving the end result. It is essential that early and upfront coordination with the appropriate Contracting Officer takes place. This will allow ECD to ensure that each purchase request package contains the necessary documentation and approvals so as to avoid untimely delays in the processing of awards while maximizing the use of available customer dollars.”

Mr. VanLuven stressed that customers should ensure that all procurement requests processed through GFEBS contains the necessary information in the description. Identifying the Branch Chief as well as the Contracting Officer on the GFEBS document (if known) will aid in routing the actions to the correct contract team as quickly as possible for processing. “Purchase requests for actions that are not GFEBS enabled must continue to be submitted electronically to ECD using the SHARED MAILBOX: [usarmy.APG.acc.mbx.edgewood-con-](mailto:usarmy.APG.acc.mbx.edgewood-contracting-division@mail.mil)

tracting-division@mail.mil,” said Mr. VanLuven.

APG South cut-off dates

Notwithstanding any prior approved milestones, the cutoff dates for all procurement requests are as follows:

- All actions that require a justification and approval (J&A) document - May 2
- Noncommercial items over \$150,000 – May 27*
- Services over \$150,000 – May 27*
- Commercial items less than \$6.5 million – May 27
- Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts – June 2
- GSA schedule procurements – June 2
- Short-of-Award actions – May 27**

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. These actions must be coordinated with the appropriate Branch Chief prior to this date for determination of acceptance.

** Customers submitting “short-of-award” Requirements must consider the probability of funds materializing in a timely manner. If it is not likely and the action not urgent, consider that time spent processing these actions may be better utilized on funded actions.

“ECD will make every effort to accommodate customers whose procurement packages must be submitted after the established cut-off dates,” said VanLuven. “However, in that event the contracting office cannot guarantee that the award will be processed prior to September 30.”

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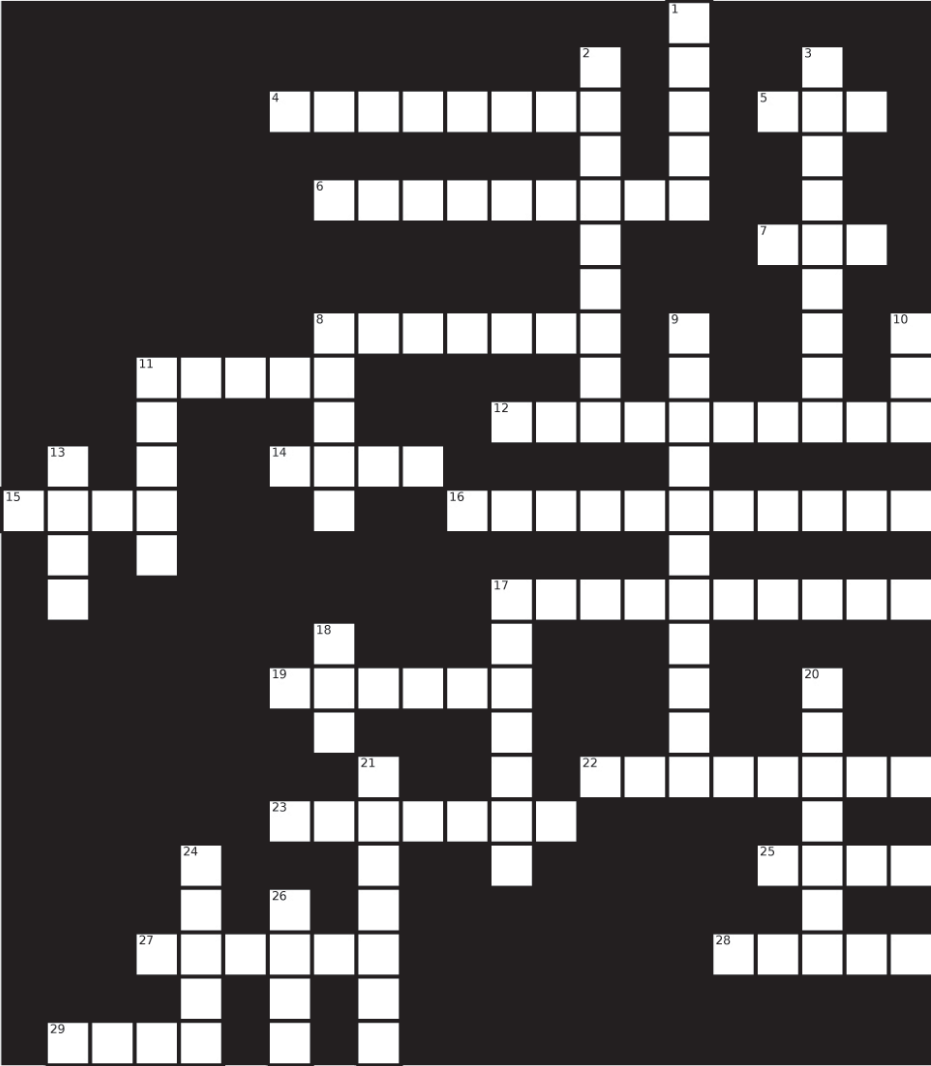
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The APG Crossword

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

By **STACY SMITH**, *APG News*

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The designation encompasses more than 50 ethnic or language groups. Complete this puzzle to learn more about America’s fastest growing minority group.

Across

- 4. Large waves of immigrants from this country immigrated as refugees to the U.S. after the Khmer Rouge was overthrown in 1979.
- 5. Versatile, round-bottomed cooking vessel which originated in China and is used in many American kitchens.
- 6. Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson is the most notable Pacific Islander American working in this athletic profession.

- 7. Asian-American martial artist and film actor often credited with helping to change the way Asians were presented in American films.
- 8. Asian-American astronaut who died aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986.
- 11. These Americans, most descended from British India, represent the world’s fifth largest religion, and have been in the U.S. for more than 125 years.
- 12. Gary Locke was the governor

- nor of this state, and the first Asian-American governor in the continental United States.
- 14. Traditional South Asian female garment that is typically draped over the shoulder and wrapped around the waist.
- 15. President who proclaimed May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in 1990.
- 16. Traditional Chinese medicine which has been largely adopted by the West as an alternative therapy for chronic pain and other medical conditions.
- 17. Asian immigrants retreated to these because of prejudices and exclusion from educational, land and job opportunities traditionally held by white Americans. They also served as enclaves that eased transition into the American culture.
- 19. State in which Asians comprise the greatest share of the population at 57 percent.
- 22. Fifty percent of Asian Americans lean toward this political affiliation.
- 23. Largest individual Asian group in the U.S.
- 25. Japanese rice wine made by fermenting rice that has been polished to remove the bran.
- 27. About one-third of these Asian immigrant households possess self-owned businesses.
- 28. Writer William Peterson coined the phrase “_____ minority” in his article “Success Story: Japanese American Style” in 1966, which stereotyped all Asians as hard working, education-hungry and socially upward mobile.
- 29. In Chinese philosophy, yin, or moon, and _____, or sun, represent the two primal cosmic forces in the universe.

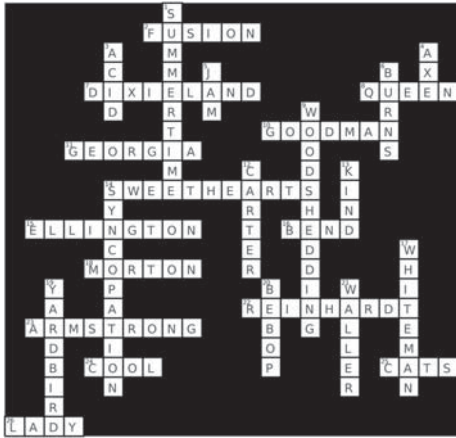
Down

- 1. Female Asian-American journalist who co-anchored the CBS Evening News from 1993 to 1995.
- 2. Since the end of World War II, persons born in American Samoa are United States _____, but not United States citizens.
- 3. U.S. President who ordered all Japanese-Americans to evacuate the West Coast after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.
- 8. The Taiwanese-Chinese-

- Hong Kong-American film “Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon” is a popular martial arts film that won four of these prestigious awards nicknamed _____ in 2001.
- 9. This 1978 critical study by Edward Said challenged the inaccurate cultural representations and perceptions of the Eastern world by the West.
- 10. Author of best-selling novel “The Joy Luck Club, which was released as a film in 1993.
- 11. This Japanese food preparation consists of cooked rice combined with raw seafood and vegetables.
- 13. The Gold _____ of the 1850s attracted thousands of Chinese seeking their fortune to Northern California.
- 17. After Spanish, this Asian language is the most widely spoken non-English language in America.
- 18. A Japanese Geisha artist traditionally dance with this in her hands.
- 20. Twenty-one percent of this Ivy League University’s class of 2016 is Asian.
- 21. The Fall of Saigon in 1975 prompted the first large-scale wave of immigrants to the U.S. from this country.
- 24. Ethnic group from the mountainous regions of China, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand.
- 26. Nearly half of all Asian Americans live in this part of the United States.

Think you solved last week’s puzzle?
Check out the solution below

Solution to the April 28 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Paragon

Pronounced: PAR-uh-gon
Part of Speech: Noun, Verb
Definition:
1. A model or pattern of excellence or of a particular excellence; a paragon of virtue.
2. Someone of exceptional merit:
3. Printing. A 20-point type.
4. An unusually large, round pearl
Verb: used with object
1. Rare. To compare; parallel.
Use:
▪ No one expects politicians and lobbyists to be paragons of honesty and openness.
▪ Those who are rescued by Alcoholics Anonymous, usually go on to become paragons of sobriety.
▪ He succeeds at the expense of others and is no moral paragon of business procedures.
▪ The teacher described Joan’s essay as a paragon that everyone should strive to reproduce..

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*
Source(s): <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>; <http://dictionary.reference.com>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

DNR

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, DNR, is a government agency in the state of Maryland charged with maintaining natural resources including state parks, public lands, state forests, state waterways, wildlife and recreation areas. Its headquarters are in Annapolis. The Department of Natural Resources leads Maryland in securing a sustainable future for the environment, society, and economy by preserving, protecting, restoring, and enhancing the state’s natural resources.

DNR principal functions include:

- Managing more than 461,000 acres of public lands
- Protecting more than 17,000 miles of waterways
- Leading restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and coastal bays..

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*
Source(s): <http://dnr2.maryland.gov>
www.wikipedia.org

APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP “HOTLINE” at 410-306-4673.
Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

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| Name/Description/Address of the Poacher |
| Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching |
| Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration # |

You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd. APG, MD 21005

Poetry provides deeper understanding of assault impact

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tion. Capt. Joanna Moore, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic preventive medicine chief, won first place for her poem, “Numbers,” which called attention to how sexual assault reverberates through a victim’s life. APG contractor Larry O’Neal was the second place winner, and Dr. Andree Mountain, ATEC logistic management specialist, came in third.

ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Daniel Karbler and Jackson presented certificates and tokens of appreciation to all the contestants.

“When you saw the diversity of presenters, the breadth of the themes of their messages, and the spell-binding delivery of their poems, you soon realize how many different ways sexual harassment and assault touches our lives,” Karbler said.

ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Connette said he appreciated the performances and the thoughtfulness that went into crafting each poem.

“Poetry is not something I ever saw myself wanting to go listen to, but I found myself really enjoying the event



and was thoroughly impressed by the effort and preparation of the folks reciting,” Connette said.

The program also honored Denim Day, an all-day event in which people are encouraged to wear denim jeans to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.

According to www.denimdayinfo.org, the Denim Day campaign was inspired by a 1998 Italian Supreme Court ruling in which a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove them, thereby implying consent.

ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Daniel Karbler presents third place poetry contestant Dr. Andree Mountain, ATEC logistics management specialist, with a token of appreciation during the SHARP Poetry Slam at the Mallette Auditorium on APG North (Aberdeen), April 26.

Outraged by the injustice of the ruling, women in the Italian Parliament came to work the next day wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

Since then, wearing jeans during the month of April, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, has become an international symbol of protest against destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Sexual assault and/or harassment victims may contact the APG SHARP 24 hour hotline at 410-322-7154, or the DOD, or Department of Defense, Safe Helpline at 877-955-5247. For more information, visit www.preventionsexualassault.army.mil, or email usarmy.apg.cecom.mbx.sharp-resource-center@mail.mil.

Volunteers set example for Team APG

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example that you are setting,” he told the volunteers.

Crawford, his wife, Dianne Crawford, CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew McCoy, and his wife, Karen McCoy presented certificates and awards to honorees. ACS also recognized contributions made by the Gunpowder Neck Marina Crew.

APG Volunteers of the Year are Lt. Col. Mary Card-Mina, Mike Layman, Jamie Colopietro, Caoimhe Bodnar, Melinda Conway and the Conway family.

Military Volunteer of the Year

Card-Mina is the Staff Judge Advocate for CECOM. She currently serves as the vice president of the APG Community Spouses Club, and volunteers with several organizations, including the St. Joan of Arc food pantry in Aberdeen, Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Perry Point VA Medical Center, National Association of Women Lawyers, local public schools and the APG main post chapel.

“As young I can remember, I have been volunteering,” she said.

Card-Mina thanked her family for being supportive of her volunteer efforts. She called the event “inspiring.”

“It makes me want to do more, to give more,” she said.

Civilian Volunteer of the Year

A Harford Community College student, Colopietro is the daughter of Jeanne Colopietro with the APG Religious Support Office.

Colopietro is an active volunteer at the APG main post chapel, where she serves as a Catholic religious education program volunteer, and assists with Protestant and Gospel services and the annual APG Vacation Bible School program.

She also volunteers with the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, in Harford County, the Northern Chesapeake Archeological Society, and Harford Community College.



Card-Mina



Colopietro

“I just enjoy helping so much, I was raised that way,” she said. “And I also feel that God has given me gifts, so I should give them back to the community.”

Colopietro said she was surprised to be nominated.

“I don’t do it for the recognition, I do it for the community,” she said.

Youth Member Volunteer of the Year

Bodnar, 13, a student at St. Joan of Arc School, is the daughter of Andy Bodnar, with the CECOM Software Engineering Center, and Patricia Bodnar, with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

She is an APG chapel volunteer, participates in service projects with her school and assists with charitable races with her family throughout the year.

“It’s nice to give back to people because I am so blessed,” she said.

Retiree Volunteer of the Year

Mike Layman is a military retiree and a civilian with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command. He gives back to homeless veterans, and serves as an audio-visual communications technician for the APG main post chapel, and as a Child, Youth and School Services sports coach.

Layman and his wife, Dee, also started a non-profit organization called “Cycling For Our Heroes,” to raise money for the Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House Foundation is best known for building comfort homes in which military families can stay while their loved one receives treatment at U.S. military and VA medical centers.

He thanked his fellow volunteers, calling it a “team effort.” He added that he enjoys helping children reach their potential.

“I like the challenge of taking an average group of kids and turning them into champions,” he said.

Family Member Volunteer of the Year

Melinda Conway volunteers with ACS and the Protestant Women of the Chapel,

and is an ATEC Family Readiness Group leader. She also volunteers with Mountain Christian Church, in Joppa, and at Aberdeen High School.

“I just enjoy helping others and making sure they have things that they need,” she said.

Family Volunteer of the Year

The Conway family – Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Conway, of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, ATEC, wife Melinda and son Jordan, 16 – received the Family Volunteer of the Year award.

Sgt. 1st Class Conway, called the award “humbling.” He was recently elected the president of the APG Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, volunteers with Aberdeen High School, and participates in various other community projects.

“I feel a responsibility to make the world a better place,” he said.

Jordan Conway, 16, is a junior at Aberdeen High School. He volunteers at his school, ACS, and Mountain Christian Church. He also volunteers with Chesapeake Search Dogs, a non-profit search dog organization dedicated to ensuring professionally trained canine search teams are available to search for lost or missing persons within the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Pennsylvania Region.

“I thank my parents every day for what



Conway



Bodnar



Layman



Family Volunteer of the Year, from right, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Conway, of ATEC, wife Melinda and son Jordan, 16, pose with their certificate, April 27.

If you see it, report it

Aggressive driving has no place at APG
call 410-306-0550

5 ways to reuse your copy of the APG News

1. Protect fragile items before storing them or sending them in the mail.
2. Line pet cages or litter boxes to keep them tidy.
3. Save the counter from a gluey, glittery mess during your next craft project.
4. Clean glass or windows for a streak-free shine.
5. Make a weed barrier in a flower bed or garden before laying new topsoil.

Retiree event to kick off Armed Forces Week

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services, the Directorate of Emergency Services and Corvias Military Living will lead a question-and-answer session and KUSAHC will offer health screenings.

APG Retiree Council member and outreach coordinator Lonzia Hawkins said this year’s focus will be on the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War.

“We want to ensure our Vietnam veterans are recognized for their past service and informed about benefits and resources,” Hawkins said, adding that guest speaker Waller will present mementos to the Vietnam veterans in attendance. Waller will bring a team of claims representatives who can file claims, answer questions and assist retirees in the claim process.

“Retirees as well as veterans should come out for this,” he said. “It might not get done in one day, but at least the process can get started.”

He said lunch will be offered for a nominal fee in the adjoining 1st Sergeant’s Grill at the end of the program.

Getting information to all retirees, their spouses and families, remains the

primary goal of the APG Retiree Council, Hawkins said.

“We’re always looking for new, vendors that can bring more information to our retirees,” he said, “because they deserve it.”

2016 Armed Forces Week

Armed Forces Week events at APG will run Saturday, May 14 through Thursday, May 19 and include:

- Monday, May 16: Armed Forces Day Golf Scramble, Ruggles Golf Course, 8 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 17: Our Community Salutes program, APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 18: National Bike to Work Day, APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, 6:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 19: Run to Honor, Shore Park, 6:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 19: Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Luncheon, Richlin Ballroom (closed event)
- Thursday, May 19: Professional Comedy Show, APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, 6 p.m.



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Pedro Rodriguez of the Garrison’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, answers a question about emergency preparedness during the 2015 APG Retiree Appreciation Day program.

Exercise proves ‘mutually beneficial’ for participants

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and evaluated procedures for the transfer, receipt, admission and treatment of an employee exposed to a chemical warfare agent.

Dr. Mark Lovell, KUSAHC chief of preventive medicine and occupational health, said the exercise reassured KUSAHC that WRNMMC understands how to administer and treat a patient transported from APG in the event of an emergency.

“Walter Reed will handle and evaluate our patients like any other patient they would get in the emergency department,” Lovell said. “The cause of their condition will be different and unique, obviously, but they will do what they’re trained to do and the patient will have a good outcome.”

The exercise began at the KUSAHC Edgewood clinic as patient stand-in Spc. Nicholas D’Amours was evaluated and treated as a result of a simulated chemical exposure during a laboratory accident. KUSAHC physician assistant

“Everybody was very pleased with the results. It was agreed that the exercise went well with excellent communications, patient treatment and management, reception and admission procedures, and notification.”

Barry Hersey
KUSAHC Surety Specialist

Lauren Abbott notified the WRNMMC Emergency Department of a pending transport.

KUSAHC Chief of Surety Medicine Dr. Carrie Dorsey acted as Medical Response Team, or MRT, Leader and had her team administer reactive skin decontamination lotion to D’Amours, which is a compound used to absorb contamination. Dorsey said the team

also tested D’Amours’ blood for dangerous enzymes indicative of chemical exposure and administered enzyme blockers.

After D’Amours was tested and evaluated, the team made a second call to the WRNMMC emergency department to provide them more detailed patient information. As part of the MRT, Directorate of Emergency Medical Services

paramedics transported D’Amours to the WRNMMC Emergency Department to complete the exercise.

“Everybody was very pleased with the results,” Hersey said. “It was agreed that the exercise went well with excellent communications, patient treatment and management, reception and admission procedures, and notification. The exercise provided a training opportunity that was mutually beneficial for all participants.”

“The exercise was a good opportunity because we need to make sure we have our resources in place that can handle these long transports,” said MRT Supervisor Mike Slayman. “What we’re trying to do right now is make our capabilities more interoperable with Walter Reed.”

Lovell agreed the exercise was successful and KUSAHC plans to replicate it with the other civilian hospitals they have memorandums of agreement with including University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health and MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center.

Did You Know ?

The modern holiday of Mother’s Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew’s Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

Today the church holds the International Mother’s Day Shrine. Jarvis began a campaign for a “Mother’s Day” holiday in 1905, after her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. A peace activist, Ann Reeves Jarvis had cared for wounded Confederate and Union Soldiers during the Civil War, and created Mother’s Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother’s Day an official holiday in 1908, but due to Jarvis’ perseverance, by 1911 all U.S. states were observing the holiday. West Virginia, Jarvis’ home state, was the first state to recognize Mother’s Day as a legal holiday in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother’s Day be held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Jarvis vehemently protested the commercialization of the holiday. Hallmark Cards was selling Mother’s Day cards by the early 1920s and candy and carnation sales took root not long after. Jarvis organized boycotts of Mother’s Day and was once arrested for disturbing the peace during a sales event for Mother’s Day carnations. She held to the belief that people did not need to buy gifts to express their love and gratitude for their mother.

Today, Jarvis’ Mother’s Day is celebrated in more than 40 countries around the world.

They include:

Argentina; Armenia; Australia
Belarus; Belgium; Bolivia; Brazil
Canada; China; Czech Republic
Egypt; Estonia
France
Georgia; Germany
Hungary
India; Indonesia; Iran; Israel; Italy
Japan
Kyrgyzstan

Latvia
Malta; Mexico
Netherlands; Nepal; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Norway
Maldives
Pakistan; Panama; Paraguay; Philippines; Portugal
Romania; Russia
Samoa; Singapore; Slovakia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka;
Sweden; Switzerland
Taiwan; Thailand
Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States

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Source(s): www.wikipedia.com

Vanpoolers needed on APG North

There are several existing vanpools looking for riders as well as individuals looking to start vanpools for the following listed to the right.

Commuters only need to be willing to travel to the designated areas to ride the vanpool. For more information, contact the APG Commuter Center POC, Syreeta Gross, at 410-278-5491 or syreeta.a.gross.ctr@mail.mil.

APG North (Aberdeen) to:

- ♦ Baltimore, MD (Canton-area)
- ♦ Baltimore County, MD (near I-70 and 695)
- ♦ Elkton, MD
- ♦ Philidelphia, PA

APG South (Edgewood) to:

- ♦ - Baltimore, MD
- ♦ - Delaware
- ♦ - Philadelphia, PA

APG Snapshot



SOCIAL GOES DENIM BLUE

Team APG hosted its monthly Installation Social at Top of the Bay, April 26, with a Denim Day theme aimed at raising awareness of sexual harassment and assault. SHARP Poetry Slam winners crowned earlier in the day recited their poems for social attendees.

Put on by APG MWR, the event included free hors d'oeuvres, games and a cash bar. Installation Socials are open to the entire APG community and upcoming dates can be found at www.apgmwr.com. (Clockwise, from top right)

- APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford thanks social attendees for supporting the monthly event, highlights the importance of the SHARP Resource Center and programs at APG, and updates listeners about upcoming Armed Forces Week events in May.
- Mike Fancher with DPTMS organizes his cards during a game at his table. Playing cards and dominoes are available for use during socials.
- ATEC's Dr. Andrée Mountain finishes off her SHARP Poetry Slam winning poem with finger snaps, the preferred applause for poetry readings.
- Blue jean-clad attendees and 1st Sgt. Jermaine Allen, center, fill up.

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson , APG News

CLASSIC WHODUNIT KEEPS TEAM APG LAUGHING

APG theater lovers enjoyed a classic whodunit full of twists, turns and hilarious one-liners during the sold-out APG Drama Club presentation of "CLUE," at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center April 28.

Jonce Hamm as "The Cop" unknowingly stands over what he thinks is a passed-out party-goer, played by Evan Snyder as "the Motorist" but is actually a dead body, while listening to distracting babble from Professor Plum and Miss Scarlet played by Stan Huelet and Tami Woodruff.



See more photos from events around APG
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